

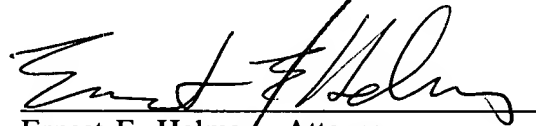
Amendment noted on page 5 of the above-noted Office Action. Therefore, it is assumed by the applicants that the present amendment places claim 1 in a state of allowance.

In the above-noted Office Action, the Examiner has stated that claims 6 and 7 would be allowable if placed in independent form including the limitations of all prior claims. It is assumed that with the present amendment to claim 1, the objection to the form of claims 6 and 7 is now rendered moot.

In a similar fashion, claim 10 has been amended to clarify that the method relates to a rear impact on the vehicle in which the vehicle seat is mounted and also adds the prior limitation of dependent claim 11 to show distinctiveness over the most liberal interpretation of the breadth of any of the art cited by the applicants or by the Examiner.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his aid in the prosecution of this application. Applicants respectfully submit that as now presented in amended form, this application overcomes all rejections and objections of the Examiner. As this application is otherwise in condition for allowance, such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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